

**BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT, Esq; Governor.** 1730.

**C H A P. V.**

*A Supplementary Act to the Act entitled, 'An Act for the laying out of Land, and erecting a Town in St. Mary's County, at a Place formerly called Seymour's Town. Lib. L. N° 5. fol. 328.* Passed 16<sup>th</sup> June 1730.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) *Thomas Spalding*, jun<sup>r</sup>, the Owner of the Land, was permitted to use the Lots not taken up, &c. but not to remove any of the Boundary Posts. (2.) It appearing that Part of One Acre of Land, whereon the Court-house of *St. Mary's County* now stands, was heretofore given by *Philip Lynes*, Esq; deceased, to the Justices of the County for that Purpose; but through Negligence of the Clerk doth not appear upon Record, though Three of the Bound-Posts are now standing, and the Place of the other well known; the said Land, contained within the said Bounds, is hereby vested in the Justices, &c. to the Use of the said County for ever. (3.) The Surveyor to make a fair Plat of *Leonard-Town*, which shall be subscribed by the Commissioners, and by them returned to the County Clerk, and by him be entered among the Land Records of the said County. (4.) The original Act of 1728, *ch. 16*, not having mentioned what Estate the Takers-up of Lots shall have in the same; it is hereby Enacted, that all Persons who already have taken up, or that shall hereafter take up and pay for any of the said Lots, and in all Things comply with the Directions of the aforesaid Act, shall have and enjoy an Estate in Fee-simple in the Lots so by them taken-up, paid for, and built upon. (5.) Possessors of Lots to pay to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, and his Heirs for ever, One Penny Current Money *per Annum*, for each Lot so taken up, &c.

<sup>a</sup> 1728, *ch. 16*.

**C H A P. VI.**

*An Act for the laying out of Land, and erecting a Town, at a Place called Broxon's Point, in Cecil County. Lib. L. N° 5. fol. 331.* Passed 16<sup>th</sup> June 1730.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) Certain Commissioners are empowered to purchase Twenty Acres of Land about the Midway of *Bohemia River*, on the South Side thereof, at a Place called *Broxon's Point*, in *Cecil County*, and cause the same to be surveyed and laid out for a Town. (2.) The Commissioners to purchase the said Land by Agreement, or Valuation of a Jury. (3.) And cause the same to be laid out by the County Surveyor into Twenty equal Lots, allowing convenient Streets, Lanes, &c. and the Lots to be distinguished by Posts towards the Streets, &c. and numbered from 1, to 20. (4.) The Owner of the Land to have the first Choice of one Lot, provided he make Choice in Fifteen Days; after which the remaining Lots may be taken up by Inhabitants of the County; but none to take up more than one Lot during the first Four Months, and if not wholly taken up by the aforesaid Inhabitants within that Time, then any other Persons whatsoever to be at Liberty to take up the same. (5.) The Sum assessed by the Jury, or agreed for by the Commissioners as aforesaid, shall be paid to the Owners of the Land, by the Persons taking up Lots, in Proportion to their Lots. (6.) Persons taking up Lots shall build thereon, within 18 Months after taking up, a House to cover 400 square Feet, exclusive of Sheds; and, if a Dwelling-house, no Chimney to be made but of Brick or Stone: And all the Houses to be built on the Edge of some Street, Lane, or Alley, and to front the same. (7.) The Commissioners to return an Account of their Proceedings, within Ten Days after laying out the Town, to the County Clerk; and the Surveyor likewise to return to the said Clerk a fair Plat and Certificate of the Town; which Proceedings, Plat and Certificate, shall be by the Clerk entered among the Land Records of the County, and the Originals filed and kept in his Office. (8.) Persons thinking fit to take up Lots, shall apply to the County Clerk, who shall enter in the said Records the Name of the Person applying, the Date, and Number, of the Lots by them taken up. And the Persons causing such Entry to be made, and building on such Lots as directed by this Act, shall be vested with a sure, and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance, in Fee-simple, of, in, and to such Lots, &c. (9.) Persons neglecting to build as before directed, shall entirely lose all their Right, Title, &c. to such Lots so not built on, and any other Person may take up such Lots, making such Entry as by this Act directed, and paying to the Commissioners, or Person by them appointed, the Sum originally assessed thereon, for the Use and Benefit of the Town: And such second Takers-up, by virtue of such Entry and Payment, and building thereon as before directed, within 18 Months from such second Entry, shall be vested with the same Estate therein as is by this Act settled on the first Taker-up. (10.) If any Lot remain not taken up in Seven Years from the Laying out such Town, then shall the Owner of the Land be possessed and interested therein, as in his first and former Estate. (11.) The Town to be called *Cecil-Town*. (12.) Saving to the Crown, the Lord Proprietor, all Bodies Politic and Corporate, and all others not herein mentioned, their several Rights. (13.) Possessors of Lots to pay yearly to his Lordship's Agent, One Penny Current Money for each Lot, &c.

**C H A P. VII.**

*An Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco, and for continuing Part of an Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads; and to prevent Cropping, Cutting and Defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight; and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per the Hogshead, for the Support of Government, and for the encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the Manner of paying his Lordship's Alienation Fines and Quit-Rents for the Term therein proposed; and for the taking off the Three-pence per Hogshead formerly raised for the Public Charge. Lib. L. N° 5. fol. 335. EXP.* Ditto.

Such Parts of this Act as related to the Restraining the Number of Tobacco Plants to be planted, &c. was to continue in force 'til the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1731; and such other Clauses as related to Payment of one Fourth Part of certain Public Dues in Grain, were to continue in Force 'til the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1732.

<sup>b</sup> 1717, *ch. 7*; hereby continued in Part 'til the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1732.

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